

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3748**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takamitsu ASANUMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

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For: DEVICE FOR PURIFYING THE EXHAUST GAS OF AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the May 6, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 5 as follows:

5. (Twice Amended) A device for purifying the exhaust gas of an internal  
combustion engine comprising:

a particulate filter arranged in the exhaust system, which carries an oxidation  
catalyst for absorbing NO<sub>x</sub> when the air-fuel ratio is lean and releasing NO<sub>x</sub> when the air-fuel  
ratio is stoichiometric or rich; and

a catalytic apparatus for purifying NO<sub>x</sub> arranged in the exhaust system  
upstream of said particulate filter, which carries said catalyst for absorbing and reducing  
NO<sub>x</sub>.

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